

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP,

Petitioner,

v.

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
AND ISLAMIC EMIRATE OF
AFGHANISTAN, AS SUCCESSOR IN
INTEREST,

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-05541-AS

Respondents.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Petitioner's *Ex Parte* Motion for an Order Directing Alternative Service. Upon consideration of the motion, all the papers submitted, and the relevant authorities, the Court makes the following findings:

WHEREAS Petitioner has investigated the possibility of serving the Respondents via Federal Express and DHL but has been unsuccessful, and has demonstrated that service via the social media company X (f/k/a Twitter), email, and publication is appropriate under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3),

WHEREAS, because of the difficulties that Petitioner has had in attempting to effectuate service of process and the need for immediate relief, Petitioner has "good and sufficient reasons" for proceeding *ex parte* under Local Civil Rule 6.1.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Petitioner's *Ex Parte* Motion for an Order Directing Alternative Service is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Petitioner is AUTHORIZED under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3) to serve the petition and summons upon the Respondents through the following means:

1. Via X, through communication to the X accounts of Wali Haqmal (@haqmal_ahmad), an account associated with a spokesperson for the Ministry of Finance and Abdul Qahar Balkhi (@QaharBalkhi), an account associated with, a spokesman for the Taliban's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. By publishing a weekly notice for four consecutive weeks, according to the manner provided in CPLR Rule 316, in *Al Quds Al-Arabi* and *The New York Times*, which must provide a URL to a website with easily accessible online versions of the materials required to be served;
3. Via email to wali.haqmal@mof.gov.af, the email address for Wali Haqmal, and iprd@ago.gov.af, the email associated with the Attorney General's Office of Afghanistan.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to terminate the motion at ECF No. 13.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: October 3, 2024



Hon. Arun Subramanian
United States District Court for the
Southern District of New York